

# Women in the Church

1 Tim 2:11-15

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Culture: Women commonly take advantage of.

Looked down upon by men

Judaism--not allowed to sit with men in Synagogue.

Women in Ephesus--tendency to overreact.

1 Corinthians 14:33-35

### ***Let the woman learn in silence***

**Learn:** basis for word disciple. Constantly learning spiritual truths given by God

**Silence:** peaceful, quiet, without stirring things up. No vocal conflict or debate or protest.

**With all Subjection:** humble submission to authority.

Not mean subjugation. Voluntary spirit. Under rank.

Wiersbe: *has to do with order and authority, and not with value or ability.*

Gromacki: *There must be reciprocal personal submission between the man and the woman (Eph 5:21). ... there is a functional order appointed by God for the performance of functions within the family and the assembly. The woman must joyfully accept this role of subordination without emotional and vocal restlessness.*

## 1 Timothy 2:12

**Suffer:** permit.

**Teach:** to hold discourse with others in order to instruct them; instill doctrine into one; proclaim Word of God in public worship.

**nor to usurp authority over the man:** Lord it over; to have the mastery of.

to have absolute authority over.

Gromacki: *She could not issue pronouncements of doctrine and practice that would have to be obeyed by men in order to avoid ecclesiastical discipline.*

In the sphere of doctrinal disputes or questions of interpretation where authoritative pronouncements are to be made

**but to be in silence.** No vocal or unexpressed protests should originate within her.

What can the women do?

1 Cor 11:5,15 Pray or prophecy....with long hair...covering.

Teach their children (2 Tim 1:5; 3:15).

Tit 2: 3-4 Older women teach younger

Acts 18:24-25 Aquilla and Priscilla--Apollos

## Order of Creation:

**1 Timothy 2:13** *For Adam was first formed, then Eve.*

**Genesis 2:18-25** Woman created for man.

**1 Corinthians 11:7-11**

Not matter of superiority but of priority.

Issue: Authority!

## Fall of Man.

**1 Timothy 2:14**

Man sinned with eyes wide open.

Woman completely or thoroughly deceived.

Adam—quite aware of the magnitude of sin

Gromacki: Women thus should not authoritatively teach or lead men in ecclesiastical or family matters because of the priority of male creation and the results of the female's role in the original sin.

Gen 2:18-25; 1 Cor 11:7-9

God made husband and wife--natural for man to lead and woman to follow.

Man-initiator

Woman-responder

Man—Aggressive

Woman-Receptive

Man-Invent

Woman-Use tools

Longfellow: *As unto the bow the cord is  
So unto the man is woman  
Though she bends him she obeys him  
Useless each without the other.*

A woman's true liberty (freedom, influence) is felt in the home.

**1 Timothy 2:15**

**Saved:** loosed, set free; kept safe; attain real happiness

Phil 1:19 Mark 5:34 Acts 27:20 1 Tim 4:16

**Childbearing:** Parentage; maternal duties--having children and raising them to serve God.

God's will--woman influences mankind from bottom up

Man's perspective—general

Woman's perspective—specific.

**1 Timothy 5:14** *Guide:* manage household affairs.

**1 Timothy 2:15** ...if **they** continue in faith and charity and holiness with sobriety.

She must have godly husband committed to

1. **Continue in faith**—trust God, confidence in God. Consistent lifestyle of trusting God.
2. **Continue in charity**—love of God...love for God...each other...others
3. **Continue in holiness**—separate from sin; From worldly lusts. Actively pursuing godliness
4. **Continue in sobriety**....with sobriety. Sound judgment

Galatians 4:4 Like 1:34-35; Matt 1:18ff.

Trinity: Father, Son, Holy Spirit. Same divine essence...differing roles.

Father: Sent the Son

Son: Was sent

Holy Spirit: Guides men to glorify Jesus Christ.

## So What?

Scripturally:

Can a woman be the Pastor of a church?

Can a woman be

Deacon?

Adult SS teacher?

Adult Choir director?

Teacher of workshops ?

Can a woman

Give testimony?

Pray publicly?

Make an authoritative decision in a church business meeting?

Role: serve and influence